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Amendments to the Claims:

Please amend the claims as indicated below.

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A method of sealing a gasketed joint comprising:
 - (a) disposing a first gasket having a first edge on a surface of a first member to be sealed;
 - (b) disposing a second gasket having a second edge on said surface adjacent an edge of said first gasket;
 - (c) ~~forming, wherein the first edge and the second edge form a pocket between the first and second gaskets~~ a pocket between an edge of said second gasket and said edge of said first gasket;
 - (d) disposing a measured amount of curable sealant in said pocket;
 - (e) disposing a surface of a second member to be sealed over said first and second gasket; ~~and~~
~~compressing said gaskets and dispersing~~ to disperse said sealant and filling fill said pocket; and,
 - (f) curing said sealant to form the gasketed joint between the first and second gaskets.
2. (Original) The method defined in claim 1, wherein said step of disposing a measured amount of sealant includes disposing a pellet of uncured elastomer.
3. (Original) The method defined in claim 1, wherein said step of disposing includes applying said sealant in semi-liquid form.
4. (Original) The method defined in claim 1, wherein said step of disposing curable sealant includes disposing a silicone gel.
5. (Original) The method defined in claim 1, wherein said step of curing said sealant

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includes one of (i) ambient temperature curing, (ii) elevated temperature curing (iii) irradiating.

6. (Currently amended) The method defined in claim 1, wherein ~~the said step of forming a pocket includes forming a~~ is "V" shaped cavity.
7. (Original) The method defined in claim 6, wherein said step of dispersing includes flowing sealant into narrow side channels of said "V" shape.
8. (Currently amended) The method defined in claim 1, wherein said step of disposing a first and second gasket includes disposing a gasket of material significantly stiffer in compression than said cured sealant.